

JUST BEFORE LEAVING FOR OCEAN TRIP



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

The picture shows Theodore Roosevelt just before he left for the West Indies and Caribbean ports of South America. He was accompanied by his wife. The voyage was undertaken for the benefit of the health of Mrs. Roosevelt, according to statements made by friends of the family. Mr. Roosevelt was said to have decided upon a six weeks' voyage to tropical seas in the hope that the milder climate and ocean air would strengthen his wife.

NATIONAL BABY WEEK WILL BE OBSERVED ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES

Washington, D. C. (Special)—Plans for the nation-wide Baby Week proposed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs for March 4 to 11 have extended beyond the United States. A woman's club in the British West Indies has just written to the Federal Children's Bureau for information about what Baby Week means and expects to initiate a local campaign. Several Canadians have been heard from too, including the Saskatchewan commissioner of public health.

The Philippines will take part in the celebration of the plan of a Manila woman's club is carried out. By special request the Children's Bureau has sent its Baby Week bulletin to Valdez and Nome in Alaska and to two of the Indian reservations in Western States.

The local plans for Baby Week vary in the 2029 communities from which the Children's Bureau has had inquiries. For instance, Wisconsin has initiated a state-wide campaign in which especial emphasis is placed on adequate nursing care and instruction for prospective mothers. In Nebraska, a child welfare exhibit is being prepared by the women's clubs of Omaha and Lincoln which will travel about among the clubs throughout the State after the Baby Week in those two cities is over. One town in Maryland which is going to have a birth registration day announces that an enterprising merchant has promised to give a tooth brush to every mother who goes to the City Hall to find out whether her baby's birth is registered! Another community is having a competition for the cleverest window plan for Baby Week publicity.

THE LEVELER

This is a courtroom. You must not laugh here, and you will be doing pretty well if you can look pleasant. All sorts and conditions of men are to be seen. Every walk of life is represented—every class of society. You are here to see the scolar, the illiterate, the dirty, the clean, the proud, the humble, the prominent, and the obscure. Look sharp, and you will be able to behave as naturally in the circumstances as those around you who know the place better. You are only a part of that whole number that is representative of success and failure in this world.

Regard the servant and the mistress, the magnate and clerk, the chauffeur and his employer, the policeman and his "buddy," the petty thief, the quarreling neighbors, the debtors and creditors, retained lawyers, friend of the unfortunate, spectators of the whole machinery of the law in its active operation.

Watch the faces, their expressions are studies. They illustrate self-control, the lack of it, weakness or strength of character, indifference, contempt, hopelessness, indignation, dread, defiance. But we have only to

remember this is the twentieth century, the era of organized philanthropy, free social foundations, free lectures, free music, parks, night schools liberty!

Here we muse on the fruits of education, Christianity of the churches, support of the weak by the strong, the gentle humanities fostered by power, by the family, by friendship, by pity, by wisdom.

Ah, the machinery! It runs ceaselessly. The machinery of the law grinds always. Its grist is all kinds of injustice. Heaven grant its product be justice!—From Judge.

A PORTABLE SCHOOLHOUSE.

It is authoritatively announced that Boston has recently acquired sixteen new portable schoolhouses, a bit of news which the schoolboy, today as in Shakespeare's time,

—with his satchel

And shining morning face, creeping like snail

Unwilling to school—

will hear with dismay because of the possibilities of war involved in their use.

Who knows but that the day may come when, thanks to modern progressive ideas, boys will no longer go to school, but, alas, school will go to them? Of what avail then will be the needles, the nippers, or the over-the-counter whoopingcough? What home stomach-ache at eight a. m. if father can go to the phone and have a portable school wheeled around to the back door, and the multiplication-table spread as per usual? What use to play that glorious game of hockey if the fleeting truant can actually be pursued by a handsome sixty horsepower, six-cylinder schoolhouse, set instantly upon his trail?

Indeed are we glad that our school days are over, and were not deferred to these overprogressing times when even rights of childhood are not safe from the ravager. Whether the new schoolhouses are electric or gasoline, we are not informed, but in any event we like them not, and behalf of the downtrodden youth of the land whose privileges in the line of avoiding education are thereby threatened, we emphatically enter our protest against the innovation.—From Judge.

TRUTH SPOKEN IN JEST.

A selfish friend is like the letter P, because he is the first in pity and the last in help.

Debt is about the only thing that increases the more it is contracted.

The noblest pursuit of woman is an honest man.

Men who beg are usually those who formerly squandered.

When a man is willing to go without his dinner to do you a favor, place his name at the top of your list of friends.

Straining a point rarely makes it clearer. Blunt people are apt to say sharp things.

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